Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 12 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Sunday 13 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Saturday 12 Mar 2022 at 03:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for occasionally unsettled with a southerly flow for much of the period, but gradually lowering confidence for the timing detail of worst conditions.

Headline for Saturday 12 Mar 2022: Mainly cloudy with showers or longer periods of rain, but turning drier, brighter during afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 12 Mar 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Sleet	Light snow	Heavy snow showers	Sunny intervals	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
80%	80%	60%	50%	10%	30%

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Weather: Showery outbreaks of rain, snow above 900m, during the morning, bringing a small risk of thunderstorms. Brighter spells develop in the afternoon with rain and snow turning to scattered showers. A dry, bright end to the day. Cloud increases late evening with rain, snow above 800m spreading north, severe gales developing quickly at height.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10-20% becoming 75% by late afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming moderate or poor in rain or showers, very poor in snow and only a few meters within cloud with bases quite widespread above 600m at first and late evening, sporadically so late afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	21/27 SE	21/27 SE	23/31 S	29/39 S	28/36 S	33/42 SE	46/60 SE
900	16/24 SE	15/20 SE	17/24 S	20/29 S	20/28 S	24/32 SE	33/47 SE
600	15/19 SE	14/19 SE	21/28 S	24/34 SW	25/33 S	25/33 SE	39/51 SE
300	8/13 S	9/15 SE	11/18 S	16/25 S	13/22 S	13/21 SE	21/33 SE
Glen	4/8 S	6/12 SW	10/18 S	12/24 S	8/19 S	6/13 E	12/28 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-1/-8	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-10	-2/-11	-2/-11	-3/-13
900	1/-4	0/-5	0/-6	1/-6	0/-6	-0/-8	-0/-8
600	4/-0	4/-0	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3	4/-2	3/-4
300	6/3	5/2	5/1	5/1	5/2	5/1	5/0
Glen	7/5	7/5	7/4	7/4	7/4	6/4	7/4
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	900m	900m	900m	800m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Conditions improving through the afternoon, but winds expected to increase quickly to severe gale late evening. Some uncertainty in exact timing and strength of winds in the evening.

Forecast for Sunday 13 Mar 2022

Weather: More challenging than Saturday in gale to severe gale summit winds. Showers, snow level around 800m, merging to longer periods of rain and snow at times, most likely during the morning, with risk thunderstorms. Rather cloudy, but some brighter spells also mixed in, particularly later in the day.

Maximum wind: South or southeast mean 35-40mph with gusts around 60mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% becoming 70% late in the day

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming moderate or poor in rain or showers, very poor in snow and only a few meters within cloud with bases quite widespread above 600m at first, sporadically so by late afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius increasing 11 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 1-3 Celsius
Freezing level: 900m

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